

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

## COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 5, 2014

6:00 P.M.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Student Advisor, Jessica Miller answered roll call. Councilman, Brian Sheehan was not present. City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, was also present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Passed out membership forms from ARC.
2. Furniture has been delivered for the conference room.
3. Planters have been ordered for downtown. We will have a total of 33 planters.
4. The Clean Community Challenge has asked for 5 initiatives. Those initiatives are: Brownfields, residential recycling, electric efficiencies, natural plantings, and anti-littering programs.
5. Met with Associated Images to discuss the WFYI video.
6. Met with Tom Debaun to discuss doing some joint work with Shelbyville.
7. Had a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> regarding the NIP and all of the utilities associated with the park.
8. On the 1<sup>st</sup> met with Jean Leising and Carl Browning, the director of INDOT.
9. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> we received the rough draft of the surveys on the Comprehensive Plan.
10. May 8<sup>th</sup> there will be an inspection of all the city facilities. I have asked them to get rid of heavy trash.
11. May 9<sup>th</sup> Pioneer is having an appreciation lunch.
12. This Friday night the St. Patrick's Committee and I have been invited to dinner at Michael McRobbie, President of I.U. We will meet with Michael Higgins, the President of Ireland.
13. This Saturday is the Mayor's 5K walk/run for anti-bullying. We have approximately 130 registered.

14. The circus will be in town May 7<sup>th</sup>.
15. The Memorial Day program will be May 26<sup>th</sup>.
16. We are In the process of purchasing the rear building behind the old JM Frantz building.
17. The next meeting we will be discussing port authority, the use of City edit funds, and the possibility of a new TIF district.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bridges received a complaint and question on property on the west side of 1100 block of West Main. There are problems with blocking the alley and the resident asked if it was city property. Bridges said he found that the alley was vacated in 1928, but no one actually received ownership. Bridges said he thought we should probably re-vacate that alley. Pavey said we need to sit down and discuss this. Newhouse said the owner should check their abstract for ownership of the alley.

Bridges said there is also a business in the area and has asked Councilman Berkemeier to check to see if there was a zoning issue.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Amphitheater/Park Report** – The Amphitheater Committee has picked up a 7<sup>th</sup> concert to coincide with Rush Fest.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – We will have a meeting at the end of May.
3. **Marketing** – A meeting is scheduled for the 29th.
4. **Trash Sub Committee** –The order has been placed for the receptacles. It will be approximately 6 weeks until we have delivery of the receptacles. We are targeting the end of June to begin the new program. Yard waste can be placed in an old can and labeled as yard waste.
5. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – The Department Heads have turned in their changes. It will be sent to the committee for review.
6. **APC/BZA – Building Code** - Joe Rathz suggested having the Commissioners, Council and APC sit down to have a discussion.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly reports. He said he has added a new report with the type of payer. He said they have billed over \$64,000.00 and collected over \$22,000.00.

**Street** – Street Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works approved to hire Brad Koehler for summer help.

Councilman Smith asked what the plan is for the use of the old green recycle containers. Miller suggested they be used for yard waste.

**Park** – Park Director said they started the pumps at the pool and everything appears to be running properly. They should be ready to send in a water test Thursday or Friday. The pool is scheduled to open May 25th.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Councilman Smith said received a call from Gary Hickman. Smith said the street that runs along the old co-op is actually 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Hickman questioned if it had been vacated? He said he would take care of it if necessary. Smith said we need to put this back on the radar screen.

Conner said he spoke to Street Commissioner Miller regarding a complaint of a hole on 11<sup>th</sup> and Jackson.

Conner also received a complaint regarding the property on Maple Street with junk cars, a fork lift, and tires that they want cleaned up.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **New Trash Program** – The new containers have been ordered.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Emerson CF-1 Compliance** – Representatives will attend the next meeting.
2. **Trane CF-1 Compliance** – Joe Lux, from Trane came before Council to ask for approval of CF-1's for the Trane Company. Bridges made a motion to approve the Compliance of Statement of Benefits. Conner seconded the motion, with Councilman Smith voting Nay.
3. **Transfer Resolution 2014-7 – Certified Shares to MVH** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-7. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **LPA Project Application** – Mayor Pavey passed around letters of support for signatures. One was for the Cherry Street project which was broken into 3 phases to make it more affordable. The second project was for a planning grant for safe routes to school.
5. **Amend Ordinance 2013-27** – The amendment would add a fee of \$650.00 for ALS services. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Pavey suggested that Chief Jenkins speak to Gretchen at RMH and work through the drug and SOR issues that were of concern to Council. Bridges then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-6 amending Ordinance 2013-27. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **RCU Action Plan Status** – Council was provided with an updated Utility action plan.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.